

# GREEN VIEW - RADBROOK

INCLUDING RAD VALLEY, MYTTON OAK ROAD AND BOWBROOK MEADOWS



**JULIA EVANS & CHRIS LEMON**

**TWO COUNCIL SEATS - TWO CANDIDATES**

**VOTE FOR JULIA EVANS & CHRIS LEMON - YOUR LOCAL GREEN PARTY CANDIDATES  
FOR SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL AND SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL**



## JULIA EVANS

My roots in Radbrook go back a long way having lived in the area for many of my younger years, so **when given the opportunity to stand to**

**represent Radbrook on Shropshire Council I jumped at the chance.** This feeling has been enhanced by seeing this community's reaction to the pandemic – it was overwhelming how people came together.

I have been out in all weathers resolving residents' issues and delivering our newsletters for the last three years - literally soaked to the skin on occasion!

**I really hope we have proved to you how hard Chris and I will work** as your representatives on both councils. I would be honoured to be your Shropshire Councillor for Radbrook, Rad Valley, Darwin's Walk and Bowbrook Meadows.



## CHRIS LEMON

I am delighted to have been chosen as the Green Party's candidate for the Shrewsbury Town Council election here in May. As you know from our regular newsletters, **I've already been working hard on all kinds of issues** from road safety to litter, from ensuring street lights are working properly to helping protect green spaces.

Having lived here and worked nearby, I truly appreciate the sense of community and campaigning spirit of so many people throughout Radbrook, Rad Valley, Darwin's Walk and Bowbrook Meadows. I have the experience and motivation to continue to work hard for you, so **please vote for me as your Green Party Town Councillor on 6th May.**

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## PROTECTING WILDLIFE AND GREEN SPACE

The campaign to protect the pond to the west of Bluebell Place and Violet Grove gathers pace. We were contacted last October by the Darwin's Walk Residents' Group who are working hard to get this vital area for local wildlife protected. **We know that our community places green space high on their**

**list of priorities** and we have been supporting them in this campaign. With even more housing development likely in the next few years **it is essential that these habitats are protected.**

Shrewsbury Town Council have recently adopted the Darwin's Walk development from the builders. At our request their Countryside Unit have visited the habitat area and we have permission to have this area surveyed in the spring by a qualified ecologist. **We will continue to support the Residents' Group in any way that we can.**



**Wildlife habitat on our doorstep!**



**Chris visiting the pond**

## NEW SCHOOL PLACES UPDATE

Shropshire Council has at last given some news about the promised primary school in Bowbrook Meadows **which many families in the area have been waiting for**. It will be a Free School and will be built and run by a local multi-academy trust called The 3 -18 Education Trust. There are also plans for another school on the same site with 120 places for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).



The land where these schools will be built was allocated in 2014, with 10 years given to build. Initial plans show the location of the two schools and a possible secondary school next to them on the south side of Squinter Pip Way. The plans also show new roads linking to future developments sites and accessed from the A488 Hanwood Road, but until those new houses are built it looks as though the access will be from Squinter Pip Way. **We know many residents are concerned that this is an area where issues have already been raised on road safety** and we will be monitoring this situation.



Julia and Chris have spent time examining plans for new schools in our area including putting in Freedom of Information requests

Following reports that school places in Shrewsbury are in high demand, **we put in a Freedom of Information request to understand more about how the new primary school will help reduce that problem**. This showed that the school will open to a Reception class only in the first year and then expand by one year group each intake. **This means that for families living in Bowbrook Meadows and Darwin's Walk, this school will not be available to your primary school children for a long time**. Meanwhile parents will be travelling longer distances to other schools, many of which are already oversubscribed.

**This is a missed opportunity** for the school to be open to all children of primary school age from the start – giving more freedom to walk or cycle to school. We are disappointed that the school is not fully open to all primary school aged children from the beginning. We will be watching for the planning application and will be scrutinising it; putting our and residents' concerns to the Council.

## SUCCESS IN GETTING BUILDERS' DEBRIS CLEARED

We were happy to help a resident who had been struggling to get some builders' debris removed that had been left along the hedge between Whinberry Drive and Crowmeole Lane. Chris contacted senior staff at Bovis Homes and was successful in getting the rubbish removed.



As the development nears completion, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Chris and Julia if you notice other areas that need 'tidying up'!

# SHREWSBURY IS READY FOR 20MPH!

Traffic speed is always high on the list when we do surveys of local concerns including for people who say it makes it feel unsafe to walk or cycle.

In Porthill, Green councillor Julian Dean has been able to get road safety improvements to one area in Frankwell with a 20mph limit, more space for cycling and safer pavements for walking. **This scheme had strong support from local residents** and is really welcome news.

As well as making our residential areas feel safer, **20mph speed limits in residential areas reduce the risk of serious accidents, improve air quality and reduce noise.** Many towns and cities have brought in a 20mph limit supported by health and planning authorities. We are pleased that this idea has support in our area too and we are working with Cllr Dean to bring these campaigns together.

Local group Sustainable Transport Shropshire has asked all the local election candidates to sign a pledge to bring in 20mph and other ideas such as investment in walking, cycling and buses. **We support this and were the first to sign!** We hope that this pledge will put transport issues high on the election agenda for all candidates.



Chris at one of the speed hotspots on Bank Farm Road

You can show your support by signing our petition to Shropshire Council at [actionnetwork.org/petitions/Shropshire-is-ready-for-twenty](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/Shropshire-is-ready-for-twenty)

## SUPPORTED BY YOUR COMMUNITY



"I have been so impressed with Julia and Chris. Their commitment and values can be clearly seen in the setting up of the Radbrook support group to help with deliveries of food and medications during the Covid lockdowns. I have no doubt they will continue to work this hard as councillors."

Sarah, Torrin Drive

"I will be voting for Chris and Julia in the upcoming local elections because I believe we need to be safe and healthy and this starts in our neighbourhood. I believe that the Green party offers this and Chris and Julia give us the best chance to be an excellent cohesive community. They have shown that they understand real local issues, and worked hard to build on the positivity of us all."

Mr. Spencer, Rad Valley



## YOUR CHOICE AT THE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Julia Evans and Chris Lemon <b>YEAR-ROUND HARD WORK</b>	 
The Conservative Party <b>ONLY SEEN AT ELECTION TIME</b>	

## HARD WORK PAYS OFF - WE CAN WIN IN RADBROOK!

We have thoroughly enjoyed working for and with the residents of Radbrook, Rad Valley, Darwin's Walk and Bowbrook Meadows over the past 3 years. We are deeply passionate about this area and the communities in it. **It has therefore been a real boost to know that you are behind us.**

At the end of 2020, before the new lockdown restrictions came into place, we asked 135 random households in our area who they felt they would most likely support at the next local elections.

**An incredible 83 of the 91** of those households who expressed an opinion about the Green Party **said they would "definitely" or "probably" vote for us** - much higher than the other parties.

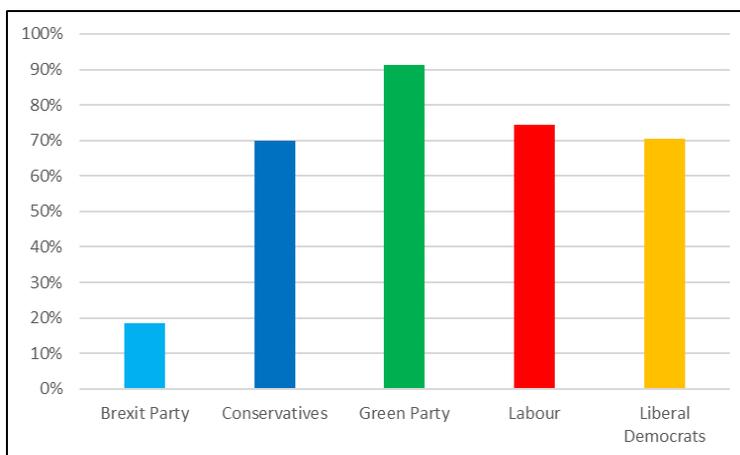
**We hope you will continue to support us at the ballot box on 6th May.**



## REGISTER TO VOTE!

The whole of Shropshire has elections for Shropshire Council and town councils on 6th May this year and we encourage everyone to

check that you are registered to vote. The easiest way to do this is to go to [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) and enter the details for your household.



Percentage of people who expressed an opinion on each party who said they would "definitely" or "probably" vote for that party. 135 households were asked between Sep—Dec 2020. Some people said "probably" for more than one party.

## RADBROOK FIELDS LITTER PICK

There was an excellent turnout for our most recent Litter Pick around Radbrook Fields back in December. An all-ages group braved the elements (and the mud!) and thoroughly enjoyed exploring the parts of the Fields we were all familiar with, along with the opportunity to explore some of the lesser-visited corners, all whilst filling several bags full of rubbish.

We're really looking forward to getting back to litter picking when regulations allow. There's always room for more helpers!



Chris with litter picking volunteers braving the elements on Radbrook Fields

### DELIVERING SAFELY DURING COVID-19

We are following national guidance to deliver these newsletters to you during the pandemic. All our volunteers are local and have been **instructed to wear facemasks when delivering, to distance from other volunteers and to sanitise their hands regularly.**

### GET IN TOUCH



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